Memorandum

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TO

: Director of Training FYES ONLY

DATE: 18 October 1965

: Chief, School of International Communism

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 21

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SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

OTHER ACTIVITIES II.

1. We had a rather strange request this week from the Desk. It seems that the senior representative here in Washington has been scheduled to give a briefing on trends in world Communism -- with emphasis on Latin America -- to the ambassadors in this hemisphere assembled at Mexico City. The Desk generously agreed to prepare the briefing for him -and promptly called for help. I met with day -- over numerous cups of Saki -- and confirmed one thing beyond any doubt -- he does need help. I agreed to provide a short text and some back-up reading material (and possibly a prayer that no one asks him a question!).

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has passed along a request for additional help for DIS. The death of has left DIS with a seriously weakened capability in the Communism field, and although he had been ill for many months apparently nothing has been done to find a replacement. I believe we can manage to pick it up for them

this time -- with the understanding that we can't take on any permanent additional commitments.

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3. The PM Staff has apparently concluded that SIC's presentation in the PM course should become an integral part of the program. In view of this we will now begin to develop what was essentially an ad hoc presentation into a two-day coverage. which, hopefully, can build upon what we have already given the CTs in our own course as well as meeting PM staff requirements. One major change will be to move our case study out of Viet Nam, since the PMers apparently get more than enough on that problem.

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